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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRUSSELS 5697

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, BE

SUBJECT: F-104 REPLACEMENT - REQUEST FOR PUBLIC STATEMENT

REF: BRUSSELS 5696

1. SELECTIVE INFO ON US OFFER MADE IN JULY 11 DEPSECDEF LETTER TO CHAIRMAN OF MULTINATIONAL FIGHTER COMMITTEE LEAKING FROM NUMEROUS SOURCES. WE ELEIVE INFORMED PUBLIC DISCUSSION HERE IS IMPORTANT IN AVERIING BACKROOM DEAL ADVERSE TO US INTEREST. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AUTHOROTATIVE BACKGROUND INFO WE SUGGEST DOD FIND WAY PUBLICLY TO CONFIRM THREE POINTS MADE IN CLEMENTS LETTER CITED:

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1) USAF WILL DEVELOP A LIGHTWEIGHT FIGHTER AIRCRAFT;

2) IT WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO USAF INVENTORY;

3) IT WILL BE OPERATIONALLY DEPLOYED TO EUROPE.

MAKE KNOWN IN SELECTED QUARTERS (INCLUDING SOME PRESS)

IN ADDITION IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US TO THAT

MAINTENANCE ON WHICHEVER AIRCRAFT IS SELECTED AND DEPLOYED TO

EUROPE BE PERFORMED IN EUROPE, LOCAL FACILITIES PERMITTING.

ALL OF THESE POINTS WOULD BE NEW FACTORS IN PUBLIC DEBATE HERE AND

OUR

RECOMMENDATION IS BASED ON POINT 8 OF SUMMARY OF DOD COMMITMENTS

TO MULTINATIONAL FIGHTER PROGRAM COMMITTEE, DATED JULY 12, 1974.

2. PLEASE ADVISE. FIRESTONE

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